IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 2. Please also rewrite claims 3, 5, and 20 to read as follows (it being noted that an Attachment to this Amendment is marked-up to show the changes from the previous version of these claims):

(Twice Amended) A semiconductor integrated circuit device, comprising:

- a source region formed on a semiconductor substrate;
- a first conductor having a first resistivity formed over said source region;
- a first contact group having contacts connecting said source region and said first conductor;
 - a second conductor having a second resistivity over said first conductor;
- a second contact group having contacts connecting said first conductor and said second conductor;
 - a drain region formed on said semiconductor substrate;
 - a third conductor having said first resistivity formed over said drain region;
- a third contact group having contacts connecting said drain region and said third conductor;
 - a fourth conductor having said second resistivity formed over said third conductor;
- a fourth contact group having contacts connecting said third conductor and said fourth conductor;

wherein a total number of contacts in said first contact group is different from a total number of contacts in said second contact group, and

a total number of contacts in said third contact group is different from a total number of contacts in said fourth contact group.

(Twice Amended) The semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim wherein said first resistivity is higher than said second resistivity, and a total number of contacts in said first contact group and in said third contact group is greater than a total number of contacts in said second contact group and in said fourth contact group.

(Amended) A transistor according to claim 16, wherein a distance from an end of the source region to a nearest one of the first contacts is equal to or greater than a distance from the gate electrode to said nearest one of the first contacts.